LIFELONG LEARNING MARFORRES

COLLEGE 101

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OVERVIEW

- Services available at the Lifelong Learning Center
- Benefits of Education
- Tuition Assistance
- College Information: Accreditation, SOCMAR, SMART
- MGIB “Top-Up & “Buy-Up Programs
- Testing Programs (DANTES and Military)
- Military Academic Skills Program (MASP)

LIFELONG LEARNING SERVICES

- Educational counseling: Assist with selecting a degree program or school and review SMART transcripts
- Tuition Assistance (TA’s)
- Resource Information
  - School catalogs, course schedules, brochures
  - Locating Testing Sites

BENEFITS OF EDUCATION

- The higher your education, the higher your salary
- Degrees open doors to opportunities, employment, career advancement:
  - Evals & Fitreps, Promotion Boards, etc.
- Personal Satisfaction
- Consider the cost of not getting an education

Income vs Education*

2003 Dept of Labor stats

No High School Diploma	19,821
High School Diploma	26,988
Associates	33,852
Bachelors	45,084
Masters	55,016
Doctorate	70,148
Professional Degree	67,600

What is Tuition Assistance?

- Money for voluntary education and training for active duty personnel
- You do not have to pay it back, **IF** you follow the rules (NETPEDIC Inst 1560.3D)
- Does not affect your Post 9/11 benefits

Who is Eligible?

- Active Duty
  - Enlisted: GT score must be above 99 and must complete course prior to EAS
  - Officer: must have two years of service obligation remaining
- Reservists on continuous active duty

How Much Can TA Pay **each fiscal year (Oct 1 – Sept 30)**

High School Completion	100%		
Semester Hours	5 (2 classes)	175.00	875.00
Quarter Hours	7.5 (2 classes)	116.67	875.00
Clock Hours*	74.98 (certificate)	11.67	875.00

* Navy students cannot take classes with clock hours

TA Does Not Pay

- Registration/Graduation Fees
- Non-credit courses
- Parking
- Late Registration
- Books and Supplies
- P.E./recreation courses
- Failing Grades (F)
- Repeat classes (taken with TA)

Prior to Submitting TA Application

- Choose a College – Must be Accredited
- Provide a copy of your SMART Transcript for evaluation by the college
- Register for Class
- Request a “degree plan” from the college
- Consider a SOCMAR - not required

Accreditation

- Schools must be accredited either regionally or nationally
  - Credits/degrees from Nationally accredited schools may not be accepted by Regionally accredited colleges
  - Regional accreditation is most versatile

SMART Transcript

https://smart.navy.mil

- SMART transcripts are automatically updated as you complete military training or college courses using TA
- Make sure your SMART is up to date!
- Need to add courses or grades – please take your transcript to your unit diary section to be run in MCTFS
- SMART transcripts are free

What's on your SMART?
(Sailor/Marine ACE Registry Transcript)

- Military occupations held
- Military training courses completed
- College-level examinations completed (CLEP, DSST, Excelsior, ACT, DLPT)
  - American Council on Education (ACE) recommended credit for each of the above
- Lists college courses
- Lists degrees and certifications earned/ awarded
- USMAP completed hours

Transferring Credits from SMART

- Check with your school to see if they will evaluate your SMART and award college credit for your military training
- Service members Opportunity Colleges will grant credit for the SMART transcript
- Most schools will award up to 30 credits for some military coursework and/or training
- Submit an official copy

SOCMAR
(Service Members Opportunity Colleges)

- A plan that evaluates all prior learning
- Reduces transfer complications
- Guarantees award of the degree when the requirements are met
- There are over 1,800 schools in the program
- SOCMAR is not available for all I&I locations

How to Get Tuition Assistance

- Attend TA Briefing (you're here)
- Complete TA Request
- Have your request signed by your Commanding Officer or "by direction"
- Submit your application at least 2 weeks prior to start of the term
  - Only the Force Education Officer can approve "after the fact" TA (case by case basis)

TA Application Form "NETPDTC 1560/3 Rev. 09/07"

☐ 2. Vocational/Technical

☒ 3. Associate

☐ 4. Bachelor's

☐ 5. Master's

☐ 6. Doctoral

☐ 7. Professional (i.e., MD, JD, DDS, etc)

☐ 8. Continuing Education (CEU/Certificate) (Navy Only)

Do you have a degree plan for the goal listed above?
☐ Yes ☒ No

(yyyy / mm)

School Issuing Degree:

Have you applied for graduation? ☐ Yes ☐ No **(Select only one)**

(Complete this section for Academic Goals #3 & #4 only)

Do you have a SOCNAV/SOCMAR Agreement? ☐ Yes ☐ No **(Select only one)**

If yes, SOCNAV/SOCMAR College:

Are you enrolled in a Navy College Program Distance Learning Partnership (NCPDLP) **(Select only one)**
Degree Program? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, NCPDLP School:

Course Request Information:

School Name: MY COLLEGE

Term Start Date: 2006 / 03 / 1 (yyyy/mm/dd)

Term End Date: 2006 / 05 / 30 (yyyy/mm/dd)

School Location: (not street address)
City: ARLINGTON
State: VA (2 Character - ex: FL)
Country: USA

Use the following information to enter the correct codes in the Course Description Blocks Below:

(CD): COURSE DESCRIPTION
(Use #1-3 to identify where or how course is taught. Use #4 when applicable)

1 = On-Base (any military base)
2 = Off-Base
3 = Distance Learning
4 = Credit by Examination
5 = Deployed (Marine Corps only)

(CL):COURSE LEVEL

H = High School
E = Continuing Education/Certificate
D = Developmental/Prep (Navy Only)
V = Vocational/Technical
L = Lower Level (Freshman/Sophomore)
U = Upper Level (Junior/Senior)
G = Graduate Level

(PIM): PRIMARY INSTRUCTIONAL MODE

C = CD ROM
I = Instructor
P = Paper Based
T = TeleTraining
V = Video Tape
W = Web/Internet

(CU): CREDIT UNIT HOURS/TYPE

S = Semester
Q = Quarter
C = Clock
K = Carnegie (High School)
N = Continuing Education Units (Navy only)

Course Description Blocks. List one course per line.

COURSE Dept	COURSE Number	COURSE TITLE	CD codes above	CL codes above	PIM codes above	CU codes above	# of Credit Hours	Tuition Cost Per Credit Hour	Course Fee	Total Course Cost *
MA	100	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	2	L	I	S	3.00	100.00	0.00	$300.00
EN	101	ENGLISH ESSENTIALS	2	L	I	S	3.00	100.00	0.00	$300.00
										$ 0.00
										$ 0.00

Term/Semester Fee: List fee other than course fee. (example: library fee) $0.00

TOTAL of all courses and fees: $600.00

* (Right Click on the "Total Course Cost" and "TOTAL of all courses and fees" and select "!Update Field" to calculate.)

COMMAND APPROVAL: For the Applicant's Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, or Officer in Charge: The applicant's present or anticipated military duties will permit him/her to attend and complete the course(s) listed above.

NAVEDTRA 1560/5

TUITION ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION

NSC200303129
10-JUN-03

SSN: [redacted]
NAME: [redacted]
RATE YN1

SCHOOL CODE:
1056A

INSTITUTION: Univ of Phoenix

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

TERM DATES START: 12-JUN-03 END: 16-JUL-03

COURSE	TITLE	HOURS	GOV SHARE	STU SHARE
GEN 101	SKLLS LFLNG DVLPMNT	3	$750.00	$.00
	TOTAL:	3	$750.00	$.00

I have read, understand, and will comply with the provisions of CNETINST 1560.3D and the application for Tuition Assistance Form. I hereby authorize release of my grades and notification of degree completion to the US Navy. Non-receipt of grades will prohibit additional tuition assistance.

_____
Applicant's Signature

Phone

NSC200303129 — AUTHORIZATION NUMBER

10-JUN-03 — DATE AUTHORIZED

SIGNATURE OF NAVY COLLEGE EDUCATION SPECIALIST

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW IF IT IS CANCELED OR AMENDED IN ANY WAY. SHOW ACTION TAKEN ON THE RETURNED FORM. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN A COLLECTION ACTION AGAINST YOU, VIA YOUR COMMANDING OFFICER. (SCHOOLS SHOULD SEND INVOICES AND GRADES TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW.)

COMMANDING OFFICER
NETPDTC N8115
6490 SAUFLEY FIELD ROAD
PENSACOLA, FL 32509-5241

Contact your Education Office
mfreducation@usmc.mil

- Need to change your TA form (dates, classes, money)
- Need to cancel your classes
- Need to withdraw from classes
- Don’t know why you are getting a bill from the school
- Just have a question

Student Responsibilities

- Submit a complete and legible application
- Sign and return form to MFR
- Provide the school a signed copy of approved TA Autorization
- Provide grades to MFR within 30 days of course completion

Grades

- Must be provided to MFR – not to Pensacola
- Failure to provide them may result in one or all of the following:
  - “no grade” letter to you from Pensacola
  - “letter of indebtedness” to your CO
  - “DD139” involuntary pay check-age
    - Payments to Pensacola by money order only
    - Can request an alternate liquidation schedule via your unit diary section
    - Otherwise P’cola will take in one lump sum

Failed Grades

- Any of the following grades must be repaid:
  - “F” – failed grade
  - “I” – if course not completed becomes an “F”
  - “W” – Withdraw – May request a waiver if:
    - Family Emergency
    - Medical
    - Duty (must be specific – TAD, CACO, etc)
    - Toys for Tots is a planned event and in most cases, not a justifiable reason.

Student Share

- If there is a student share showing on your TA form – it is your responsibility to pay this directly to the school
- Can be paid with the following:
  - MGIB “Top-Up”
  - Pell Grants
  - Scholarships
  - Do no use Post 911 without calling us first

MGIB “Top-Up”

- Can only be used concurrently with TA
- Must have contributed to MGIB ($1,200)
- Does not pay for books
- You can alternate between using “Top-Up” and full MGIB but not at the same time
- www.gibill.va.gov
- Do not use Post 911 as Top UP without calling us first

Applying for MGIB “Top-up”

- Apply for MGIB at www.gibill.va.gov
- Write “TOP-UP” on the top of your TA authorization form
- Send completed forms, only once to:
  - VA Regional Processing Office for your area
  - Allow 12-14 weeks for processing

Pell Grants

- Can be used to pay for tuition, fees, books, supplies, transportation and other expenses
- Not seen as duplication of benefits by Federal Treasury
- To apply must fill out the FAFSA form at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov
- **Scholarships and grants do not have to be repaid!!**

DANTES
Testing Program

- CLEP (College-Level Examination Program
- DSST (DANTES Standardized Subject Test)
- ECE (Excelsior College Examination Program)
  - Earn between 3-8 credits per exam!
- **First One** is FREE to active duty military personnel
- CLEP $77; DSST $90 for civilians

Military Classification Testing

- Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB)
  - Demonstrates the ability to learn a foreign language
  - Required for lat moves to 0211 MOS
- Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT)
  - Demonstrates proficiency in a foreign language
  - May be eligible for FLPP (ref: MARADMIN 220/04)
  - College Credit granted on SMART
- **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)**
  - May be possible to “retake” ask if you have questions
  - May be a requirement for reenlistment or lat move

MASP (Military Academic Skills Program) and Tutor.com

- www.petersons.com/oasc (self-paced online) NEW!
- **An on-duty refresher course**
  - Helps students refresh basic English and Math skills
- **Designed for students with GT score of 99 or below**
  - May help prepare for the ASVAB, SAT, or GED
- **Tutor.com: 24/7 tutor service/test prep for the entire family. For more info or to get registered email mfreducation@usmc.mil**

USMAP
(Military Apprenticeship Program (Journeyman's License)

- Certification through documented work experience (On the Job Training)
- No off duty hours – honor system
- Establishes credentials for civilian employment through the Dept of Labor
- Get credit for your every day duties

USMAP Qualifications

- Active Duty
- High school diploma or GED
- In rating/MOS designated for the trade
- Working in an authorized apprenticeship trade billet
- https://usmap.cent.navy.mil/

Tuition Assistance Review

- Submit your TA request at least 2 weeks BEFORE class starts
- Let us know if you change or cancel a course
- Provide TA Authorization to school for payment
- Consider TA as a loan and not paid in full until grades provided to MFR
- WEB TA pilot starting 1 Oct
- Communicate – we are here for you!

MCCS LIFELONG LEARNING

2000 Opelousas Ave
New Orleans, LA 70146
Attn: MCCS (Education Office)
Toll Free: (866) 305-9058
Fax: (504) 697-9780
Email: mfreducation@usmc.mil

Education Specialist:
Cynthia Nothstein (504) 697-9694

Education Technicians:
Gerald Netters (504) 697-9697
Nichole Guidry (504) 697-9695

Force Education Officer:
Sandy Robinson (504) 697-8128

This Certificate Verifies that:

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Name

At

_____

Location

On the date of: _____

Has successfully completed the College 101 course and
fully understands all information provided